

First Congregational United Church  
of Christ, Ypsilanti  
“Follow Me”



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No matter who you are or where you are  
on life's journey, you're welcome here.

May 31, 2015

10:00 am

Trinity Sunday



## *An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice*

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP & LIFE TOGETHER: We invite you to participate in this community of faith. If you are a visitor for the first time, please fill out the welcome pad being passed around. We invite you to join us for Friendship Time (refreshments and conversation) at the conclusion of worship.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN so that they may come to understand the worship experience. Families are encouraged to talk about the parts of worship so children may understand and participate. During the worship service we have a time for children with the minister on the rug in the center of the worship space followed by Sunday school (September-May).

*Hymns are found in the following books:*

**NCH** (Black, hardcover "New Century Hymnal")  
**Sing!** (Black, softcover, "Sing! Prayer and Praise" songbook)  
**ES** (Green, softcover "Everflowing Streams" songbook)

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### ***PREPARING FOR WORSHIP***

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#### ***Invitation***

*All people are welcome to participate in this community of faith  
If you have questions about becoming a member of this church, please speak  
with the Pastor or any member of the Community.*

**Prelude**

Steve McGhee

**\*Gathering Hymn**      **"Shout the Name of Christ Who Lives"**      **234 NCH - Steve McGhee**

**Welcome**

Donna Eyster

*Guests, please complete a Visitor Card and place in the offering plate so we may have a record of your visit.  
We hope you will join us for Friendship Time and refreshments after the service.*

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

***\*Please rise in body or spirit as you are able***

**Announcements**

Donna Eyster

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### ***GATHERING TO WORSHIP***

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**Ring the Bell**

**\*Hymn**

**“Song of the Soul”**

**81 ES**

**Call to Worship (Unison)**

Donna Eyster

O God, you are beyond our wildest imagining. When we speak of you, there are no words to describe your majesty and power. We know you best in Jesus of Nazareth, who shared your love with all he met. He called for our rebirth as your children. Children cleansed by water and the Spirit. We come together seeking renewal of the vows made at our baptism. We want to be faithful as Christ was faithful. We want to be fruitful in the work you give us to do. Bless our worship and bless us that we may be a blessing to others. Amen.

— Adapted From “Led by Love”, Lavon Bayler

**Anthem**

**“How Can I Keep From Singing”**

FCC Choir

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## ***LISTENING FOR GOD***

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**Old Testament Reading**

Psalms 104:24-34

Donna Eyster

**Hymn**

**“Jesus Loves Me”**

**327 NCH**

**Children's Time**

*children are invited to come forward*

Carol Hall

**New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 3:1-21

Carol Hall

**Reflection**

**“Spirit, Who Among Us?”**

Carol Hall

**\*Hymn**

**“Thuma Mina (Send Me Lord)”**

**360 NCH**

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## ***CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE***

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**Prayers of the People**

Carol Hall

*All are invited to offer a prayer, testimony, praise report or prayer request at this time.  
Please limit your sharing to one or two sentences and remember confidentiality issues.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

## The Lord's Prayer (Unison) -- Traditional Version

Carol Hall

*When we say the Lord's Prayer, please feel free to follow the traditional form or use language that feels comfortable to you, e.g. Mother, Creator, God, Friend, or Realm, Kindom, Wisdom.*

*Offering this prayer in unison brings us together and the words illustrate our common journey*

**Our Father and Mother  
Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kin-dom come.  
Thy will be done  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kin-dom and the power  
and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

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## ***RESPONDING TO OUR CALLING***

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### Invitation to the Offering (Unison)

Donna Eyster

**As assign of our rebirth in the Spirit, we offer back to Yahweh all that we have received in this life. Know Lord, that this is a sacred sign of our intent to live as you intended us to live. Amen.** - Adapted from "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler

### Offertory

Steve McGhee

### \*Doxology

#### **"Take My Gifts"**

**562 NCH**

*Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,  
Gave me light and food and shelter, Gave me life and set me free,  
Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,  
Now the bread of love is rising, Loaves of love to multiply!*

**\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Donna Eyster

Receive our offering, Yahweh, so that our church may come alive in the Spirit.  
May these gifts and we as your children, proclaim the good news of Jesus  
Christ. And may we show the love you have shown to us, to everyone we meet  
today and every day this week. Amen. — Adapted from “Led by Love”, Lavon Bayler

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***DEPARTING WITH PRAISE***

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**\*Hymn of Departure**

“Lead On, O Cloud of Yahweh”

77 ES

**\*Benediction**

Carol Hall

**Postlude**

Steve McGhee

*(Please be seated for the Postlude)*

**Passing the Peace**

*Share a greeting with your neighbor as we transition to our snack.*

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*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



| Our Volunteers  | Today: May 31 <sup>st</sup> | Next Sunday: June 7 <sup>th</sup> |
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| Usher           | Jamie Goldsmith             | Wayne Burling                     |
| Preaching       | Carol Hall                  | Carol Hall                        |
| Worship Leader  | Donna Eyster                | Kelsie Molter                     |
| Worship Set-up  | Margaret Harner             | Donna Eyster                      |
| Acolyte         | Desarye Penn                | Hunter Turner                     |
| Friendship Time | Melanie Harner              | Glenda Horvath                    |

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES:** If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Glenda Horvath, 734-904-0420

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** Kindly remember in your prayers our members and friends who are sick and/or shut-in. Send a card or note to lift their spirits and yours as well.

**Fran Pebbles'** address: *American Homes Carpenter, 3470 Carpenter Rd., Apt 332, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Phone: 734-975-0987*

**Sally Dusbiber's** address': *Silver Maples of Chelsea, Room 1211, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118. Sally's direct phone line is 734-433-2396 and the Silver Maples line is 734-475-4111, x217.*

**IMMIGRATION MINISTRY (WICIR):** For information about what's happening with Immigrant Rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Margaret Harner at 734-483-3464 or through their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WICIR>.

**MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION:** For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition**, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Wayne Burling at 734-377-0696. More information can be found on their website <http://www.mi-onc.org> or on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/onami/>

**WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION:** "First Congregational is a co-founding institution of the new local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. The diverse faith congregations and labor and community organizations that make up WeROC are, at our core, focused on intentionally reweaving the frayed fabric of community -- at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated and on our own. We are showing by example that people from many backgrounds and perspectives can, even today, come together in powerful ways around our common values and *actually change* unjust public policies. WeROC is a part of the S.E. Michigan organization MOSES and the national Gamaliel Foundation.  
See Tad Wysor ([tadwysor@gmail.com](mailto:tadwysor@gmail.com), 734 883 3225) for more on how First Congregational is connecting with current WeROC issues and actions.

**OUR WEBSITE:** <http://www.ypsiucc.org> Let Wayne know if you have any additional items to be added. He could use lots more pictures. Also check out and like our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-Ypsilanti/115695119913>.

**KROGER FUNDRAISER: HAVE YOU RE-REGISTERED WITH KROGER!!** Everybody that shops at Kroger and has a shopper's card **MUST** register. **Last Year's registration expires May 1<sup>st</sup>** and you are not getting credit for you purchases until you re-register for the current year.

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